

Statement from Clive Palmer to 7.30. 13 March 2019

In relation to your email:

1. On 18 January 2016, John Park, Kelly-Anne Trenfield and Stephen Dopking of FTI Consulting were appointed as Administrator of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd, the company tasked with the operation, maintenance and management of the refinery. Shortly after that appointment, key management personnel that were responsible for the operation of the refinery were placed on leave by the Administrator and refused access to the site. Andrew Bantock, an employee of FTI Consulting was appointed by FTI Consulting to be the Responsible Person for Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd for the purpose of the Workplace Health and Safety Act. The incident that occurred with Roaster 1 was the Roaster was shut down on 30 January 2016 then subsequently restarted on 16 February 2016, while Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd and refinery were within the sole control of FTI Consulting, the Administrator.
2. In relation to the concrete stack, an expert on chimney stacks carried out a further inspection and completed a report during 2018, which has been subsequently lodged with the Regulators. The stack was found to be in good condition.

At all times Queensland Nickel Sales Pty Ltd, the current manager of the refinery, has been compliant with the Act and has continued to work with the relevant authorities to ensure that the Refinery is safe and compliant.